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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SUPPORTING A SEMICONDUCTOR
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Dear Sir:

Applicants enclose herewith a patent application that was originally filed on June 24, 2003, but appears to subsequently have been lost in processing at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Because the application was correctly filed by Applicants and was lost through no fault of Applicants, it is requested that a serial number reflecting the original filing date of June 24, 2003 be assigned to the attached application.

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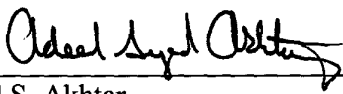
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Respectfully submitted,

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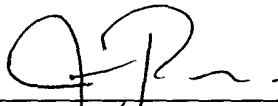
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